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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Bernardino—Suspect of Arson in Series of California Fires Arrested

(U) A 23-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of started several recent large fires, including one that injured a firefighter, and faces eight counts of arson for eight different fires, according to an official. Authorities said the suspect was arrested last week near the scene of a fire in the hills near Redlands, about 65 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. Investigators say evidence was found at each scene that connected the suspect to the fires, which started along roads and at similar times of day.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Vacaville—Federal Officials Say Clothing Store Was a Drug-Selling Front

(U) The federal government has indicted for running a clothing store as a front for selling cocaine and marijuana to high school students. The owner of “Shredders Federation” was arrested last year by Vacaville police for money laundering, but federal law enforcement have expressed interest in prosecuting him further, which may carry federal in addition to state punishment. The man faces up to 60 years in prison and a \$20 million fine if convicted.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arkansas—Inmates Overpower Officers, Partially Take Control of Prison

(U) Little Rock—Six inmates overpowered three correctional officers and stole their keys at a maximum security prison in Arkansas yesterday, and held the officers in an area of the facility for about three hours. The incident is the second major disturbance to occur at the penitentiary in less than a month, according to reporting. The prison officers suffered minor injuries and one inmate was treated at a hospital.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) District of Columbia —Military Can Now Destroy Drones over Domestic US Bases

(U) Washington—The Pentagon announced yesterday that it has granted permission to more than 130 US military bases across the United States to shoot down private and commercial drones that could endanger aviation safety or pose other threats. The number of un-piloted aircraft in US skies has significantly increased in recent years, along with concern that dangerous or even hostile drones could get too close to places like military bases, airports, and sports stadiums, according to reporting.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Indiana—Suspect in Cyber Threats Case Exploited Minors in Attack on Town

(U) Plainfield—A California man, with an online alias of ‘Brian Kil,’ faces 15 to 30 years in prison for cyber threats made against the town of Plainfield more than a year ago, according to an indictment released yesterday. Investigators believe the suspect hacked personal data to cause underage victims to produce

and distribute child pornography. Authorities also alleged he was behind threats to set off explosives at Plainfield-area schools and businesses unless one of the victims provided him with more material.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Fox News](#)

(U) New York—Hackers Demand Millions in Ransom for Stolen HBO Data

(U) New York—A hacker using the name "Mr. Smith" posted a new cache of stolen HBO files—including media content and internal emails—online yesterday, demanding that HBO pay a ransom of at least six million dollars to prevent further releases, according to reporting. This is the second reported data dump from the purported hacker. So far, the HBO leaks have been limited, falling short of the cyber attack on Sony in 2014.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany—Siemens to Update Medical Scanner Software to Deal with Security Bugs

(U) Frankfurt—The German industrial group Siemens expects to update software in some of its medical scanners by the end of the month to deal with vulnerabilities that could, in theory, allow some of this equipment to be hacked, a company spokesman said yesterday. The global 'WannaCry' cyber attack in May highlighted vulnerabilities in medical systems when it caused major disruption to X-ray machines and other computer equipment in the UK, forcing hospitals to turn away patients.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iraq—Germany Considers Repatriating Teen Held over ISIS Ties

(U) Baghdad—German authorities are determining whether four German women—including a 16-year-old who ran away to Iraq after converting to Islam—accused of sympathizing with ISIS can return home. Diplomats recently visited two of the women in Baghdad, as Germany is obliged to provide the women with consular assistance, but are ensuring precautions that no threat is posed by the four after a possible return to Germany, according to a German Foreign Ministry spokesman.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Lebanon—ISIS May Have Fired Rockets into Lebanon

(U) Beirut—ISIS may have fired seven Grad rockets into Lebanon from its enclave on the Syrian border yesterday, according to a Lebanese security source. The incident marks the first use of such weapons by ISIS fighters in several years, although the group has frequently fired shell, mortar, and small arms fire over that period, according to reporting. The Lebanese army is expected to launch an assault on the ISIS enclave soon.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Malaysia—Hundreds Detained as Part of Counterterrorism Operation

(U) Kuala Lumpur—More than 400 people were detained yesterday as part of a counterterrorism operation in the Malaysian capital city, leading up to the Southeast Asian Games that will begin in about a week. Authorities said they were targeting anyone with missing or fraudulent travel documents or who was believed to be affiliated with terror groups in Syria and Iraq. Machines to make fake passports and to forge Malaysian immigration documents were among the items seized, according to reporting.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [BBC News](#)

(U) Philippines—US May Begin Airstrikes Against ISIS in the Philippines

(U) Manila—The US military is considering a plan to conduct airstrikes on ISIS in the Philippines, according to defense officials. The authority to strike ISIS targets as part of collective self-defense could

be granted as part of an official military operation that may be named as early as today, according to the officials. The strikes would likely be conducted by armed drones. The US Secretary of State also said the US was providing the Philippines government with "intelligence capabilities" in the fight against ISIS.
SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) San Diego—Purported Godson of 'El Chapo' Indicted on Drug Charges

(U) A man believed to be the godson of Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzmán, who turned himself in to US authorities on 27 July, was indicted on drug smuggling charges in San Diego federal court yesterday. Damaso Lopez-Serrano, aka "Mini Lic," and an associate are accused of—among other things—smuggling drugs into the United States for approximately 11 years, according to court documents. Lopez-Serrano is the son of one of Guzmán's top leaders in the Sinaloa Cartel.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

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